(b) No, Sir. However, in pursuance of a judgement of Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench. New Delhi, in one case, an officer has been retrospectively appointed.

(c) and (d) Some arrangements for looking after current duties of the posts of General Managers and equivalent and a Member of Railway Board have been made pending approval of regular appointments. The claims of all senior eligible officers were, however, taken into account.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

Senior Appointments on *Ad Hoc* Basis in the Railway

371. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of senior appointments at the level of General Managers and Members of the Railway Board are being made on *ad hoc* basis;

(b) if so, the details of such appointments alongwith their ranks;

(c) whether it is a fact that candidates for regular appointments have been selected and approved but are not being appointed; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Arrangements for looking after the current duties of the post of Member (Traffic), Railway Board and the following posts of General Managers and equivalent have been made pending approval of regular appointments: –

1. General Manager, Eastern Railway;
2. General Manager, South Eastern Railway;
3. General Manager, Western Railway;
4. General Manager, Northeast Frontier Railway (Construction);
5. General Manager, Metro Railway, Calcutta;
6. General Manager, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan;
7. General Manager, Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala;
8. General Manager, Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Allahabad; and
9. Principal Railway Staff College, Vadodara.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Working of Loco Running Staff

372. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ernakulam Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal has struck down an order of the Railway Board regarding the working of Loco running staff; and

(b) if so, whether Government have withdrawn the order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The orders of Ernakulam Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal have just been received.

रोहे-दसगांव रेल लाइन पर सुरंग का निर्माण

373. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रोहे-दासगांव रेल लाइन पर कोंकण रेलवे द्वारा बनायी जा रही सुरंग के निर्माण कार्य को पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के आदेश पर रोक दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) कोंकण रेलवे मंडल को उक्त सुरंग के निर्माण के लिये सरकार द्वारा कब तक अनुमति दे दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) कोंकण रेलवे के रोहे-दसगांव खंड के बीच कोई सुरंग नहीं है ।